

# SmarterGrade User Guide



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#### **About SmarterGrade**

earnFuse's SmarterGrade provides teachers and administrators with the ability to record, report, and monitor student performance. With SmarterGrade teachers can use their grade book to make decisions and ensure students stay on top of assignments.

## **About this Guide**

This user guide offers teachers an introduction into the LearnFuse SmarterGrade Product.

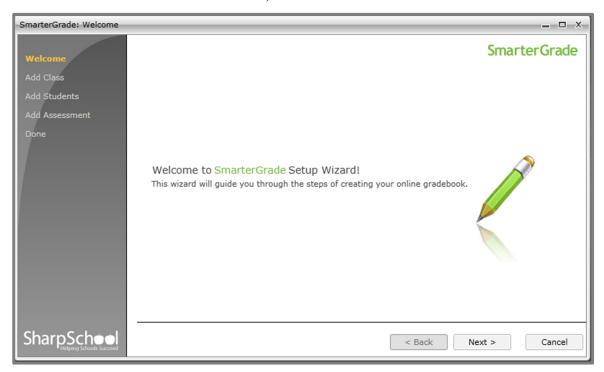
#### Who Should Use this Guide

The contents of this guide are written to be readable by users of all technical backgrounds.

This guide will be used by teachers and other staff at educational institutions.

## **SmarterGrade Setup Wizard**

After you have logged into **SmarterGrade** you will see the **SmarterGrade Setup Wizard**. If you have already added your Class(es), Student(s) and Assessment(s) you can simply click **Cancel** to continue onto the GradeBook, otherwise click **Next** to continue.



## **Adding Classes**

Adding a class in the **SmarterGrade** wizard is simple. To add a class to fill in the following fields:

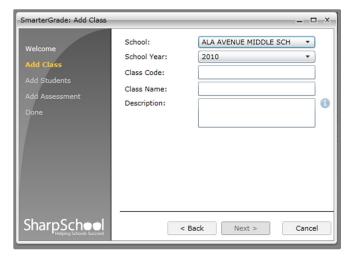
**School:** From the dropdown menu select the name of your school.

**School Year:** From the dropdown menu select the school year for the class.

Class Code: Enter in the class code.

**Class Name:** Type in the subject or name of the class.

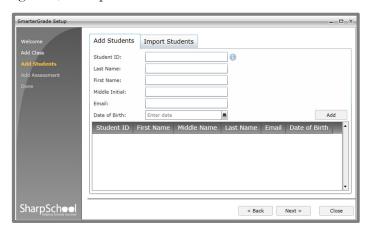
**Description:** Fill in a description of your class. Once you have completed adding a class click **Next**.



#### **Adding Students**

There are three different ways you can add a student to SmarterGrade. You can add enter their information manually, import from an existing class, or import from a .CSV file.

To manually add students, please fill in the fields pictured on the right and then click the **Add** button located to the right of **Date of Birth**. The student will be added to the table at the bottom of the page. Once all students have been added to the classroom, click **Next**.

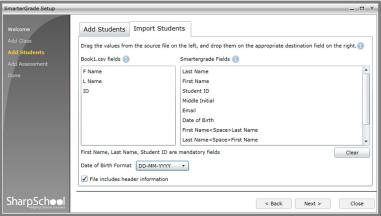


You can also add students by importing them from a CSV file or an existing class:

#### **CSV File**

- 1. Click on **Import from a file**
- 2. Click the **Browse** button to choose the file you wish to import.
- 3. From the **Separator** dropdown menu select **Comma, Semicolon,** or **Tab Tip:** The choice you make will depend on how your file indicates a new field.
- 4. Click Next.
- 5. Drag the values from the source file on the left, and drop them on the appropriate destination field on the right.
  - **NOTE:** If your name column is just name, drag it to First Name<Space>last name or Last Name<Space>First Name
- 6. Select the format for the Date of Birth from the drop down menu.
- 7. If necessary uncheck **File** includes header information.
- 8. Click Next.
- 9. You will now see a list of students and if you want to remove select the student and click the remove button.





#### 10. Click Next.

#### **Existing Class**

- 1. Click on **Import from an existing** class
- 2. From the drop down menu select a class
- 3. Click Next.
- 4. You will now see a list of students and if you want to remove select the student and click the remove button.
- 5. Click **Next**.



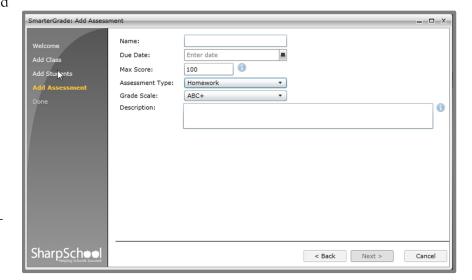
#### **Adding Assessments**

The wizard also allows you to add an assessment. To add an assessment, please fill out the following fields:

Name: Fill in the name of the assessment.

**Due Date:** Select the due date from the calendar or type in the date in the format of day-month-year. (i.e. 1/1/2011)

**Max Score:** Enter the highest score possible on the test.



Assessment Type: From the dropdown menu select the type of assessment.

**Grade Scale:** From the dropdown menu select the grade scale of the assessment.

**Description:** Fill in a description of the assessment.

Once you have completed filling out the fields click on Next.

**TIP:** You can add additional **Assessment Types** and **Grade Scales** which will be explained later on in this user guide.

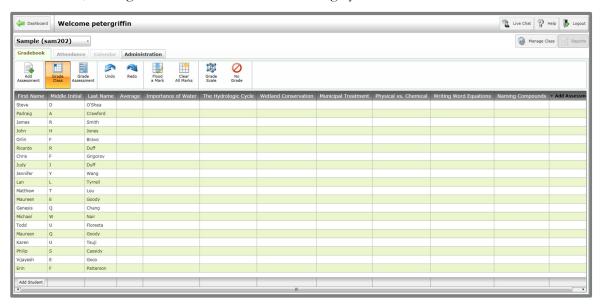
## **Completing Wizard**

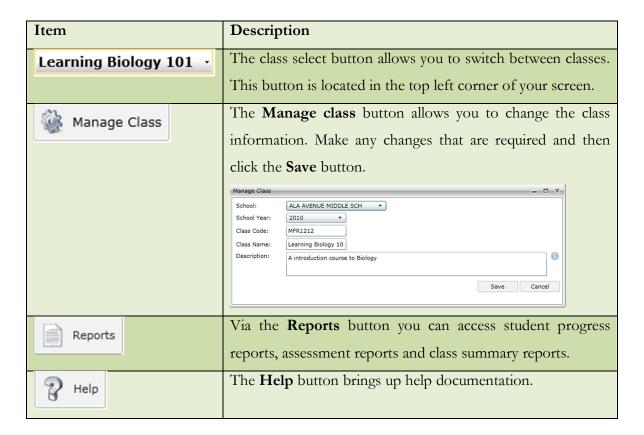


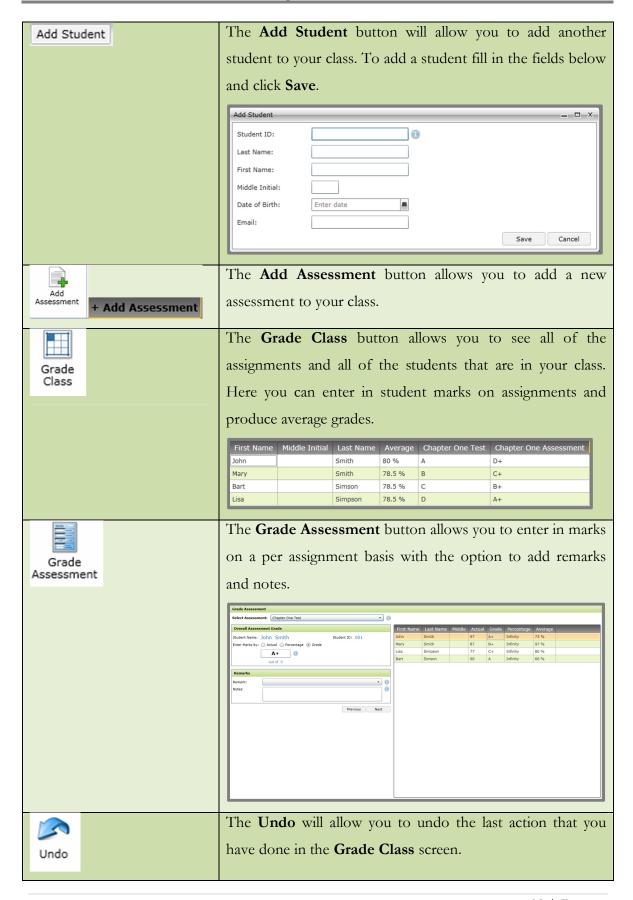
You have now completed the SmarterGrade Wizard. Click on Finish.

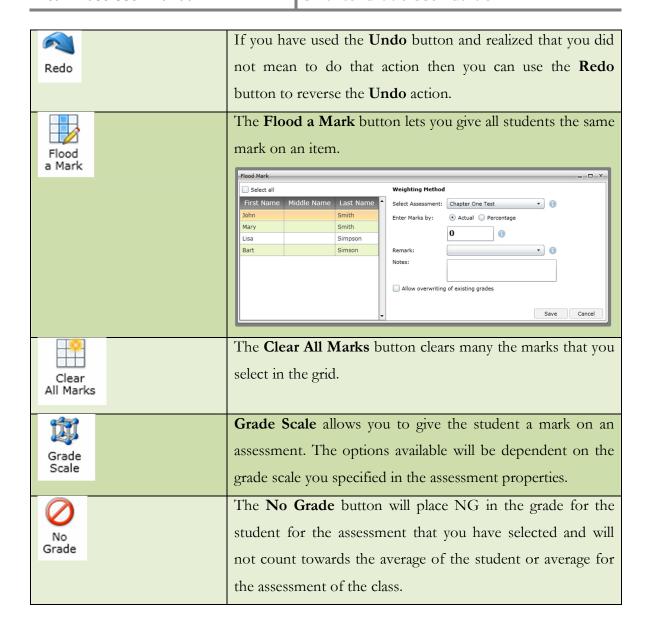
#### **Gradebook User Interface**

The Gradebook user interface will be shown once you cancel or finish the SmarterGrade Setup Wizard. From here you will be able to select your classes, add additional students and assessments, enter grades for assessments and manage your classes.









#### **Welcome Bar**

The SmarterGrade welcome bar will allow you to be able to obtain help documents, contact live support from within the application, return to the Dashboard and logout.



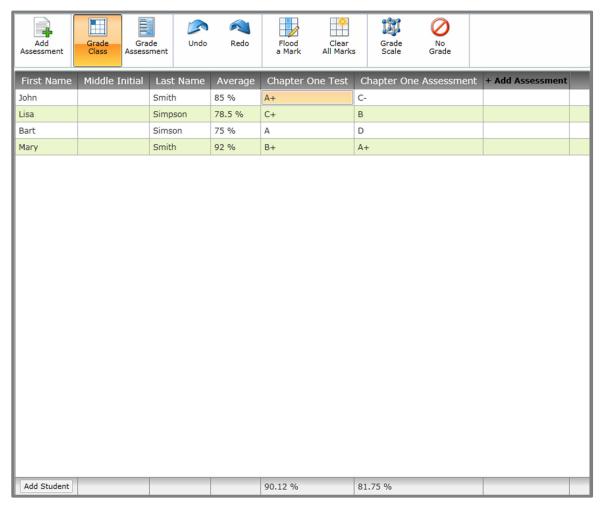
## **Entering Grades**

There are two ways that teachers and administrators can enter grades into *SmarterGrade*. One way is using the **Grade Class** view; this mode allows you to enter marks for all assessments for all students. The other is **Grade Assessment** view; this view allows you enter in all the grades for a single assessment.

#### **Grade Class**

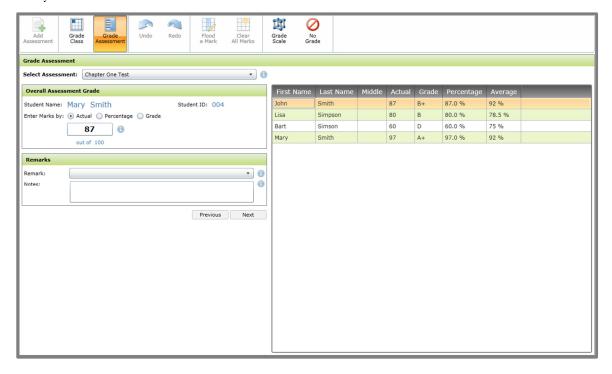
To enter in a mark for a particular student on a particular assessment, select the cell that corresponds to your desired student and assessment. Then enter your grade and press **Enter** to save. You can see the average of the student change when you add more assessments. At the bottom of the column of the assessment you can see the class average for that particular assessment.

**NOTE:** An empty cell is counted as NG (No Grade).



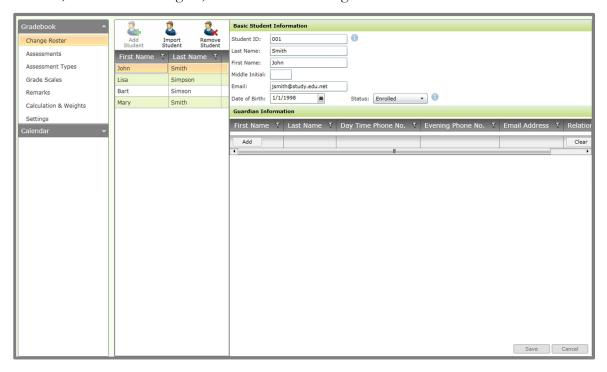
#### **Grade Assessment**

First select the assessment that you want to grade from the **Select Assessment** dropdown menu. Next choose your method of storing the mark: **Actual**, **Percentage**, or **Grade**. **Actual** uses the number of points the student obtained out of the total number of points available (i.e. 47/55). **Percentage** uses the percentage the student obtained (i.e. 87.5%). **Grade** uses the letter grade the student achieved (i.e. A-). You may enter the grade in one format, or in all three. Once you have entered in the assessment grade, you can select **Remark** from the dropdown menu and enter in any notes. Click **Next** to move to the next student. On the table on the right hand side you can see the list of the students and grades that you have entered.



## **Administration**

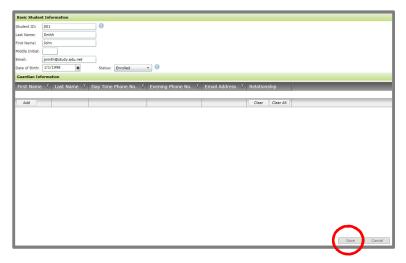
The administration section of SmarterGrade will allow you to make changes to your class roster by adding and removing students, assessments, assessment types, grade scales, remarks, calculation & weights, as well as other settings.



#### **Change Roster**

#### a. Basic Student Information

You can change the student's information by selecting the student from the list and then making the changes that you need. When finished, click the **Save** button in the lower right.



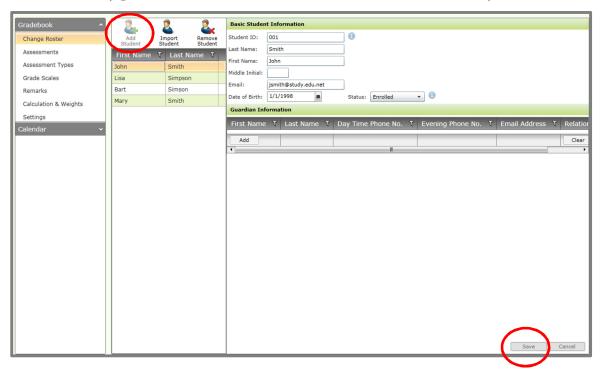
#### b. Adding a Guardian

To add a guardian for the student click **Add** under the **First Name** column. You will now be able to enter the **First Name**, **Last Name**, **Day Time Phone No**, **Evening Phone No**, **Email Address**, and the guardian's **Relationship** to the student.



#### c. Adding a Student

To add a student click **Add Student** and fill in the fields under **Basic Student Information**; enter data on any guardians under **Guardian Information**. Click **Save** when you are done.



#### d. Importing Students

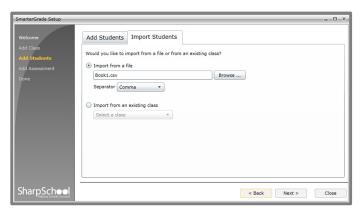
You can import students into your roster by clicking the **Import Student** button. You have two different options to import students. The first is from a previously created class and the second is from a .CSV file.

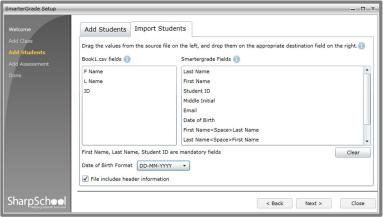
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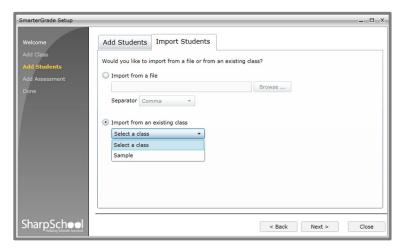
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- 3. From the **Separator** dropdown menu select **Comma, Semicolon,** or **Tab Tip:** The choice you make will depend on how your file indicates a new field.
- 4. Click Next.
- 5. Drag the values from the source file on the left, and drop them on the appropriate destination field on the right.
- 6. Select the format for the Date of Birth from the drop down menu.
- 7. If necessary uncheck **File** includes header information.
- 8. Click Next.
- 9. You will now see a list of students and if you want to remove select the student and click the remove button.
- 10. Click Next.

#### **Existing Class**

- 1. Click on Import from an existing class
- 2. From the drop down menu select a class
- 3. Click Next.
- 4. You will now see a list of students and if you want to remove a student, select the student and click the remove button.
- 5. Click **Next**.

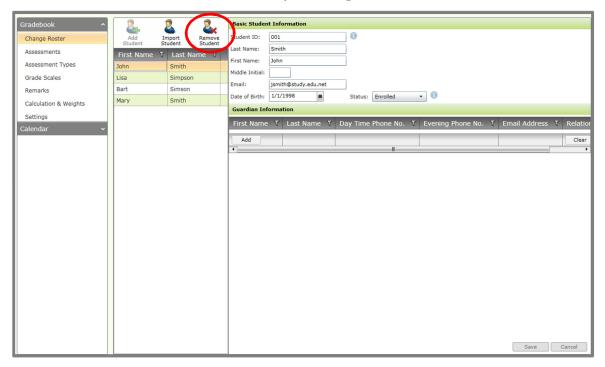






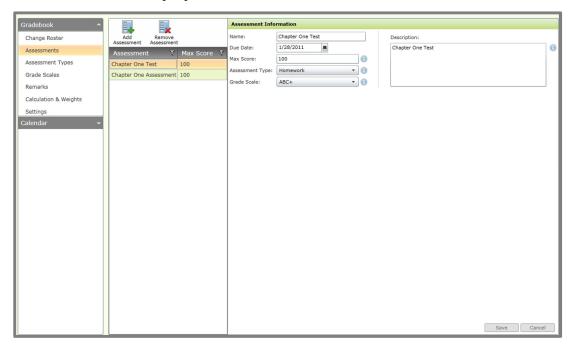
#### e. Removing Students

To remove a student from your class all you need to do is select the student from the list and click the **Remove Student** button. To save your changes, click **Save** at the bottom.



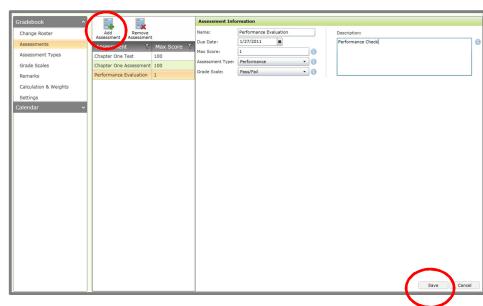
#### **Assessments**

The assessments section will allow you to add and remove assessments and change the assessment information properties.



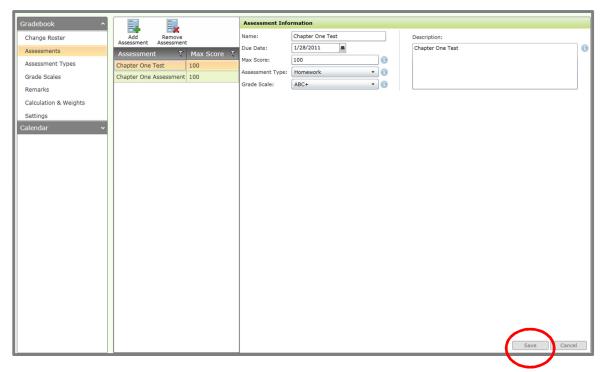
#### a. Adding Assessments

When you click on Add
Assessment you will be
presented with a blank
Assessment Information
form. Fill out the following
fields: Name, Due Date,
Max Score, Assessment
Type, Grade Scale, and
Description. Once you have
filled in the fields click Save
at the bottom.



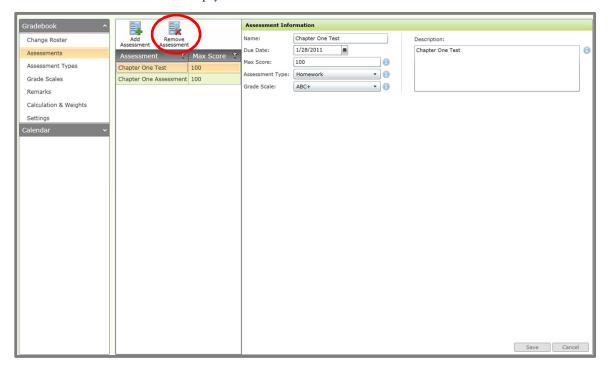
#### b. Editing Assessments

If you want to make modifications to an assessment such as the name, due date etc., select the assessment from the list and make your changes under the **Assessment Information** section on the right of the page. When completed, click **Save**.



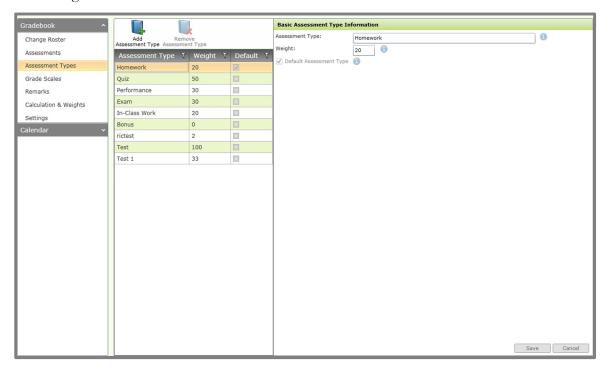
#### c. Removing an Assessment

To remove an assessment, simply select the assessment and click Remove Assessment.



### **Assessment Types**

The **Assessment Types** screen will allow you to add, modify and remove assessment types from the gradebook.



#### a. Adding Assessment Types

To add a new assessment type click **Add** 

Assessment Type and then fill in the information under Basic Assessment Type Information and click Save.

**NOTE:** If you want to make this assessment type

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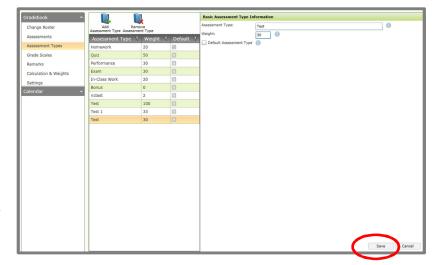
default check of the **Default Assessment Type**.

#### b. Editing Assessment Types

To edit the assessment that is already created, select the assessment type, make your changes under the **Basic** 

## Assessment Type

**Information** on the right side of the page, and then click **Save**.



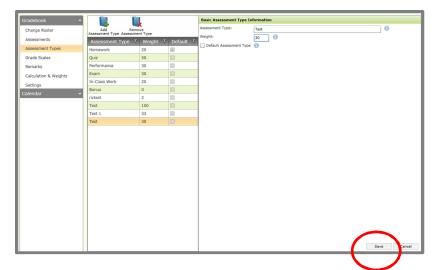
**NOTE:** If you want to make this assessment type default check the **Default Assessment Type**. This will be the **Assessment Type** used by default when creating a new **Assessment**.

# c. Removing Assessment Types

To remove an assessment type, select the assessment type from the list and then click

#### **Remove Assessment**

**Type**. Click **Save** at the bottom to complete.



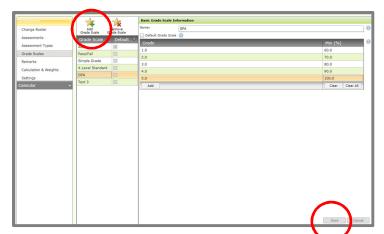
#### **Grade Scales**

Grade Scales in SmarterGrade can be customized for the class you are teaching. Grades can range from letters (for example: A, B, C, D, E or F), to a range (for example: L1–L4), to descriptors (for example: excellent, great, satisfactory, needs improvement).



#### a. Adding a Grade Scale

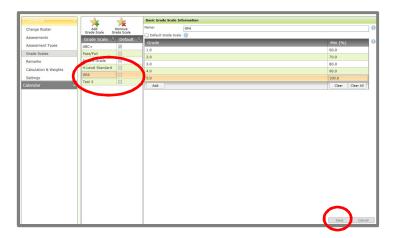
You can create a new Grade
Scale for your class to use with
assessments by clicking on the
Add Grade Scale button and
then filling out the Basic Grade
Scale Information on the right
hand side. When creating a new
Grade Scale, check the box



**Default Grade Scale** to make it default. To add your grade to the **Grade Scale** click **Add**, enter in the **Grade Description** and press **Enter** to save, and then enter in the **Min (%)** mark necessary for the student to achieve the grade and press **Enter** to save. Once you have entered all of your grade descriptions and minimum percentages click the **Save** button at the bottom of the page.

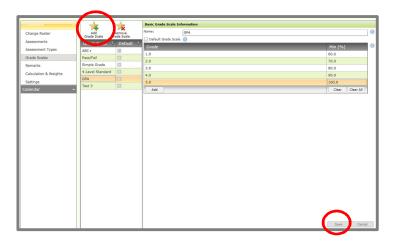
## b. Editing Grade Scale

You can make changes to any of your Grade Scales by selecting the **Grade Scale**. Make your changes and then click **Save** at the bottom of the page.



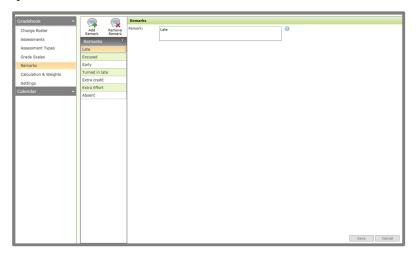
## c. Removing Grade Scale

To remove a **Grade Scale** simply select the **Grade Scale** you want to remove and click **Remove Grade Scale** and then click **Save** at the bottom.



#### **Remarks**

Remarks are seen when you are using the **Grade Assessment** view in the **Gradebook** as well as in the reports.

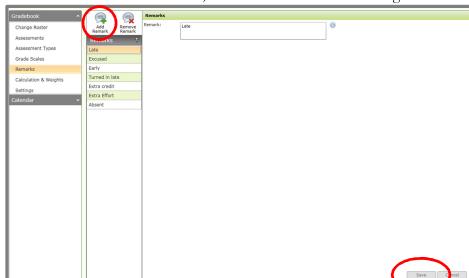


#### a. Adding Remarks

If you would like to add a new remark to SmarterGrade, click Add Remark. On the right

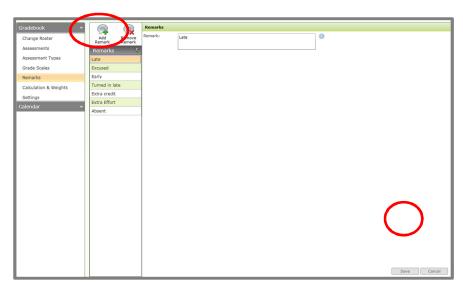
side, under the

Remarks section,
enter your
information in the
Remark field. When
finished, click Save at
the bottom of the
page.



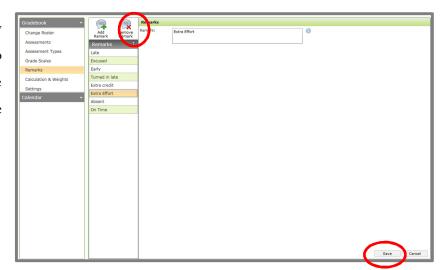
## b. Editing Remarks

You can edit a remark by selecting the remark, under the **Remarks** section. When complete, click **Save** at the bottom of the page.



## c. Removing Remarks

To remove a **Remark** simply select the remark you want to remove and click **Remove Remark** and then click on **Save** at the bottom of the page.

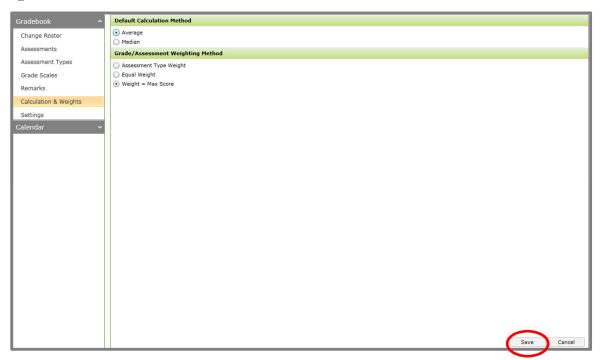


## **Calculation and Weights**

SmarterGrade allows you to change the Calculation and Weights for your assessments. In this section you can change the **Default Calculation Method** from **Average** to **Median**.

For the Grade/Assessment Weighting Method you can choose from Assessment Type Weight, Equal Weight and Weight = Max Score.

To make any changes simply select the option and then click the **Save** button in the bottom right corner.



#### **Settings**

The **Settings** section of *SmarterGrade* allows you to make changes to the **Class Gradebook Settings** and the **Grading Settings**.

For **Class Gradebook Settings** you can choose to have non-numerical grades translated from **Highest, Mid-Point,** and **Lowest** when converting to a numerical number (so an A could be translated as 90%, 92.5% or 95%).

**Grading Settings** will allow you to change if you can **Modify if Over Max** and to **Round Off** averages. If you do make any changes click the **Save** button in the bottom right corner to save your changes.

